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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: Contacts with Senator Richard Clark

1. I originally met Senator Richard Clark, Democrat of Iowa, at a dinner party at the home of Bill Whitson of Congressional Research Service on 21 July. At this dinner were Bill Gleysteen and Stape Roy of State, myself, Whitson, Clark, Bruce Van Vorst, Clark's Administrative Assistant, and a researcher from the Library of Congress. The talk centered on China in broad-brush with the State Department types doing much of the talking. Towards the end of the evening, however, I talked privately with Clark and out of this came his suggestion that we pursue our discussions and that we get more specific.

2. So on 28 July I had a stag dinner at my place to discuss primarily Chinese agriculture. I invited Senator Clark, [redacted] of OER and John Hart of the Library of Congress. Most of the conversation had to do with Chinese agriculture but towards the end of the evening we got into the Taiwan question. I tried to avoid a policy stance and limited my remarks to an analysis of the Taiwan situation from the Chinese point of view and the reactions caused here. Clark said he appreciated the time and effort and said he would like to continue our conversations on China at a later date.

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